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REPORT

TOPIC Rotscherlinde Improved Airfield

EVALUATION

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DATE PREPARED 1 May 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. A Soviet Air Force guard detail was quartered in a farmhouse at the entrance to the village of Rotscherlinde (N 53/Z 32), west of the road to Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23). On 5 April 1951, the road leading from Rotscherlinde to Krahne (N 53/Z 22) was blocked by an air force sentry. Jet fighters with swept-back wings attached targets on the blocked airfield in air to ground firing at 7 a.m. The weather was clear. Four aircraft flying in pairs climbed to an altitude of about 1,500 meters, then dived to about 100 meters, at which height each plane fired three shots from one of its guns. Judging by the gun flash, the gun was mounted in the nose over the air intake. * 50X1-HUM
2. The target on the ground was marked before the planes approached for firing. Dust was stirred up at the point of impact. About 45 minutes later, four other aircraft of the same type repeated the performance. Between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., a total of four groups of four planes each was seen coming from the direction of Briest. **

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- * Comment. No rigid stationary weapons, mounted in the nose above the air intake, have been seen on MIG-15 planes. The MIG-15 plane has the nose guns mounted on the side and under the nose section. 50X1-HUM
- ** Comment. The Rotscherline airfield was previously used as a ground target during air to ground firing practices conducted by the fighter regiment stationed in Brandenburg-Briest. 50X1-HUM

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